



**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or  
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/512,313
Confirmation Number	5777
Filing Date	February 24, 2000
First Named Inventor	Tohru HOTTA
Group Art Unit	2828
Examiner Name	Tuan N. NGUYEN
Matter Number	Q57991
Title	OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

- Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on December 6, 2003
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- Petition for Extension of Time
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months

b.  Other Applicants request an interview with the Examiner

**3. FEES**

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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Date March 8, 2004



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q57991

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2003, the period of response to which has been extended for two months by a concurrently-filed Petition for Extension of Time and attached fee, and March 6 being a Saturday, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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